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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: UNIFIL TAKES SHAPE - ISRAELIS BEGIN
WITHDRAWAL

1. IN HIS MARCH 24 MEETING WITH GUR, SIILASVUO STRESSED
IRANIANS, FRENCH AND SWEDES WERE ALREADY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON
AND NORWEGIANS WERE EXPECTED SHORTLY. HE SHOWED GUR MAPS
OF ACTUAL AND PROJECTED UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT AND REQUESTED
INFORMATION ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. GUR SAID HE HAD BEEN
AUTHORIZED BY WEIZMAN TO SAY ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WAS ALREADY
IN PROGRESS. (SIILASVUO PLANS STRESS THIS IN DAMASCUS).
APPARENTLY, HE MENTIONED NO FIGURES. SIILASVUO
SAID THAT AS ADDITIONAL UN UNITS ARRIVE, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY
TO HAVE GREATER DETAILS ON TIMING OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. GUR
REITERATED HE WOULD NOT AGREE TO ADF MOVEMENT TO LITANI.

2. GUR SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN KNOWING WHEN FIRST
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UNITS OF LEBANESE ARMY WOULD ARRIVE. SIILASVUO SAID
THIS WAS HIGH ON HIS AGENDA IN BEIRUT AND HE HOPED TO
HAVE SOME ANSWERS BY SUNDAY. AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSA-
TIONS, GUR SHOWED GREAT SENSITIVILY TO FATE OF HADDAD
AND CHRISTIANS. HE POINTED OUT HADDAD WAS ON ACTIVE
DUTY WITH LEBANESE ARMY AND CONTINUED TO RECEIVE
INSTRUCTIONS FROM BEIRUT.

3. I TOLD SIILASVUO WE HAD REPORT FROM ADF STATING
THAT NO FURTHER MILITARY SUPPLIES OR PERSONNEL
WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENTER LEBANON. HE THOUGHT THIS
WAS A VERY WELCOME DEVELOPMENT AND WAS FURTHER INDICATION
SYRIANS WERE PREPARED TO COOPERATE.
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